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Docket No.: 09432/183002  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
David Llewellyn Mallis et al.

Application No.: 09/977,746

Confirmation No.: 3552

Filed: October 15, 2001

Art Unit: 3679

For: WEDGE THREAD WITH TORQUE  
SHOULDER

Examiner: E. K. Nicholson

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to and including October 23, 2005 to respond to the Office Action mailed June 23, 2005.

This petition is being filed in order to ensure copendency with application being filed concurrently herewith.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

Please charge our Credit Card in the amount of \$120.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1). Credit Card Payment Form SB-2038, with a signature from an authorized cardholder, is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees

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filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 50-0591, under Order No. 09432/183002.

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Respectfully submitted,

By

  
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| <b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b><br><b>For FY 2005</b>                                   |                    | <b>Complete if Known</b> |                        |
|  |                    | Application Number       | 09/977,746-Conf. #3552 |
|  |                    | Filing Date              | October 15, 2001       |
|  |                    | First Named Inventor     | David Llewellyn Mallis |
|  |                    | Examiner Name            | E. K. Nicholson        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 | Art Unit           | 3679                     |                        |
| <b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT</b>   | <b>(\$)</b> 120.00 | Attorney Docket No.      | 09432/183002           |

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| <b>FEE CALCULATION</b>  |                     |   |                    |                              |                                  |                              |                              |
| <b>1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES</b>  |                     |   |                    |                              |                                  |                              |                              |
|   | <b>FILING FEES</b>  |   | <b>SEARCH FEES</b> |                              | <b>EXAMINATION FEES</b>          |                              |                              |
| <b>Application Type</b>   | <b>Fee (\$)</b>     | <b>Small Entity Fee (\$)</b>                            | <b>Fee (\$)</b>    | <b>Small Entity Fee (\$)</b> | <b>Fee (\$)</b>                  | <b>Small Entity Fee (\$)</b> | <b>Fees Paid (\$)</b>        |
| Utility   | 300                 | 150   | 500                | 250                          | 200                              | 100                          | _____                        |
| Design  | 200                 | 100   | 100                | 50                           | 130                              | 65                           | _____                        |
| Plant   | 200                 | 100   | 300                | 150                          | 160                              | 80                           | _____                        |
| Reissue   | 300                 | 150   | 500                | 250                          | 600                              | 300                          | _____                        |
| Provisional   | 200                 | 100   | 0                  | 0                            | 0                                | 0                            | _____                        |
| <b>2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES</b>   |                     |   |                    |                              |                                  |                              |                              |
| <b>Fee Description</b>  |                     |   |                    |                              |                                  | <b>Fee (\$)</b>              | <b>Small Entity Fee (\$)</b> |
| Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)   |                     |   |                    |                              |                                  | 50                           | 25                           |
| Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)  |                     |   |                    |                              |                                  | 200                          | 100                          |
| Multiple dependent claims   |                     |   |                    |                              |                                  | 360                          | 180                          |
| <b>Total Claims</b>   |                     | <b>Extra Claims</b>                                     | <b>Fee (\$)</b>    | <b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>         | <b>Multiple Dependent Claims</b> |                              |                              |
| 10  |                     | - 20 =  | x                  | =                            | <b>Fee (\$)</b>                  |                              | <b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>         |
| <b>Indep. Claims</b>  |                     | <b>Extra Claims</b>                                     | <b>Fee (\$)</b>    | <b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>         |                                  |                              |                              |
| 1   |                     | - 3 =   | x                  | =                            |                                  |                              |                              |
| <b>3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE</b>  |                     |   |                    |                              |                                  |                              |                              |
| If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s). |                     |   |                    |                              |                                  |                              |                              |
| <b>Total Sheets</b>   | <b>Extra Sheets</b> | <b>Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof</b> |                    | <b>Fee (\$)</b>              | <b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>             |                              |                              |
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| <b>4. OTHER FEE(S)</b>  |                     |   |                    |                              |                                  |                              |                              |
| Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)   |                     |   |                    |                              |                                  | <b>Fees Paid (\$)</b>        |                              |
| Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 1251 Extension for response within first month   |                     |   |                    |                              |                                  | 120.00                       |                              |

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|                     |                    | Date                              | September 29, 2005 |

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